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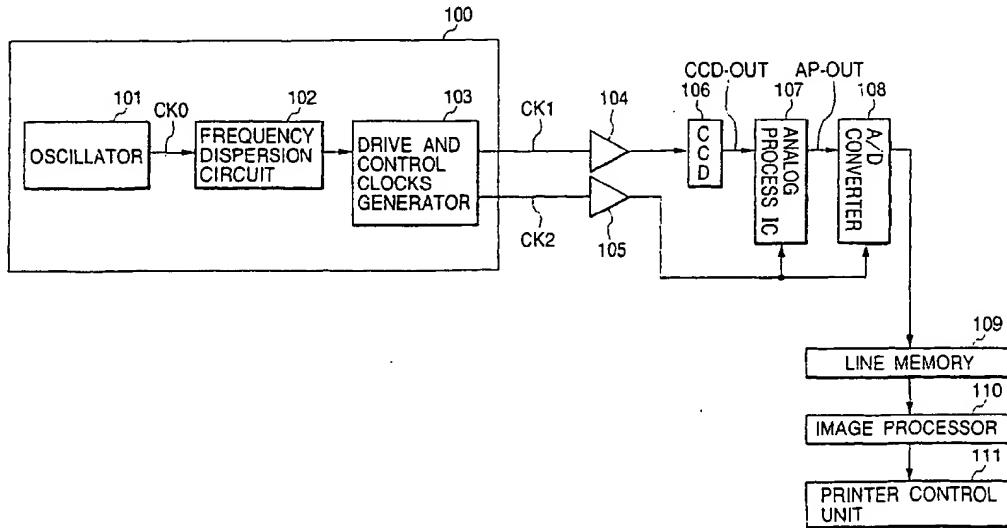
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(54) Clock control device used in image formation

(57) A clock control apparatus and method of an image forming apparatus, which oscillates a reference clock at predetermined periods, generates a clock signal having a frequency higher than a frequency of the reference clock using the reference clock to generate by using the reference clock, a clock signal having a frequency

higher than that of the reference clock, continuously changes the frequency of the clock signal at the predetermined periods with respect to the frequency of the reference clock, and generates a control clock using the clock signal, the frequency of which is continuously changed. The continuous change in frequency of the clock signal at a read timing of image data.

FIG. 1





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